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MONTREAL FOR USREP ICAO

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SUBJ: CIVAIR: SENEGALESE PROPOSAL FOR ICAO CONCIL ELECTIONS

REF: STATE 40163

1. WE DISCUSSED SUBJECT IN TERMS OF REFTEL TODAY WITH MRS.

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BROTHERHOOD (IN CHARGE OF ICAO AFFAIRS IN CIVILAIR) AND DE MEESTER

OF MFA. HIGHER RANKING OFFICIALS IN AVIATION FIELD ABSENT. OUR CONCLUSIONS FROM TWO CONVERSATIONS FOLLOW:

2. CIVILAIR AND MFA, INCLUDING RUIGE, DUTCH REP TO ICAO COUNCIL, ARE STRONGLY AGAINST SENEGALESE PROPOSAL AND INCLINED TO VOTE AGAINST IT. HOWEVER POLITICAL DESIRE OF GON NOT TO ANTAGONIZE AFRICANS PROMPTED GOVT TO OPT FOR LOW PROFILE ON THIS ISSUE. OUTCOME OF THIS POSITION IS THAT RUIGE IS INSTRUCTED TO OPPOSE PROPOSAL IN ANY PRACTICABLE WAY INCLUDING EITHER VOTE AGAINST OR ABSTENTION ON BASIS HIS BEST JUDGEMENT. RUIGE HAS ALREADY RETURNED TO MONTREAL AND NO FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE COUNCIL DISCUSSION ARE ENVISAGED.

3. DE MEESTER IS UNDER IMPRESSION THAT EASTERN EUROPEAN AND SOUTH AMERICAN COUNCIL MEMBERS OPPOSE SENEGALESE PROPOSAL, AS WELL AS WESTERN EUROPEANS, BUT HE EXPRESSED DISTRUST OF FINAL FRENCH POSITION, THINKING THAT FRANC MIGHT OPT FOR AFRICAN PROPOSAL AT LAST MINUTE. HE SUGGESTED THAT SOUTH AMERICANS MIGHT FAVOR ALTERATION OF ELECTION BASIS FROM 10-10-10 TO 9-12-9, INSTEAD OF 9-9-12, AND SAID GON COULD SUPPORT THIS ALTERNATIVE PROVIDED GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION ELEMENT WAS NOT ADDED TO FIRST TWO GROUPS (E.E., CHIEF IMPORTANCE IN AVIATION AND LARGEST CONTRIBUTION OF FACILITIES). HOWEVER, HE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER THERE WAS ANY INTENTION ON SOUTH AMERICAN SIDE TO MAKE SUCH A PROPOSAL. HE REPEATEDLY SUGGESTED THAT THE BEST WAY TO DEFEAT SENEGALESE PROPOSAL IS NOT TO MEET IT HEAD ON BUT TO OBSTRUCT WITH COUNTER PROPOSAL SUCH AS THE ABOVE. IN THIS REGARD, HE EXPRESSED GREAT INTEREST IN HEARING RESULTS USG MIGHT RECEIVE FROM THIS DEMARCHE IN LATIN AMERICAN CAPITALS.
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